

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

FY03 ARNG Education Policy

Note:

These are just highlights of the changes to this year's policy and are not intended to be ALL of the changes. Please be sure you carefully read/review the entire FY03 ARNG education policy to ensure you can effectively and uniformly administer the ARNG education program in your State.

-Rate change. New rate is **\$200** per semester hour up to **\$4,000** per soldier, per fiscal year. This amount **may not exceed 75 percent** of the tuition cost for the course. (Para 4d).

-**Fees** required for the instruction of the course or that are a requirement to all students for 'enrollment purposes' are now authorized up to **\$500** per soldier, per fiscal year. This amount **may not exceed 75 percent** of the cost of the aforementioned fees. Note: This amount is included in the \$4,000 annual cap (Para 4d).

-**DA Form 2171E (horizontal form)** will be used instead of DA Form 2171 (vertical form) (Para 5b).

-All States WILL use the Information Management and Reporting System (**iMARC**) to implement their ARNG FTA Program beginning in FY03 (Para 5c).

-Distance Learning (DL) tuition assistance requests will no longer be paid separately by DANTES. States must pay all tuition assistance requests, regardless of the method, (i.e. classroom, DL, etc...) from the ARNG FTA funds allocated to their State (Para 5c).

-All Distance Learning requests, regardless of length, will use the DA Form 2171E. The DANTES Form 1562 will no longer be used for DL requests (Para 5c).

-Use of ARNG FTA funds on anything other than tuition and authorized expenses is **not** authorized (Para 6b).

-The previous caps for ARNG FTA and MGIB-SR **are removed**. Soldiers eligible for the MGIB-SR may receive ARNG FTA up to the current authorized levels provide the student is enrolled at least **½ time or more** (Para 6c).

-Simultaneous payment of ARNG FTA to soldiers eligible for the MGIB-AD is authorized only if the soldier is **not a MGIB Kicker recipient** (Para 6c).

-Soldiers eligible for ARNG FTA and a Pell Grant will now apply the Pell Grant first and ARNG FTA to the balance **not** covered by the grant (Para 6c).

-ESOs will ensure an AARTS transcript is produced for all soldiers prior to approving ARNG FTA funds (Para 7d).